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Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.)
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

We represent three companies that provide wireless, broadband, and Internet service that will be impacted by network neutrality decisions from the F.C.C.

Our companies are located in the rural, mountainous area of the Sierra Nevada region of California. Our area has been affected by the current economic downturn. While the rest of the country might be seeing some level of recuperation, we are not. The net neutrality provisions the FCC is considering – while, arguably, well-intentioned – could affect rural areas more; especially with regard to wireless services. We also struggle for equal broadband and backhaul access that is competitive with urban areas. We are therefore concerned about impact that net neutrality decisions might have on companies like ours and our local economy.

Our customers depend on us to provide a "local" competitive product at a competitive price. Our companies contribute significantly to the local economy through the jobs we create and the tax dollars we pay. We are concerned that the FCC is moving forward on a decision that could potentially have impacts on our businesses. We want to make sure that we can manage the quality of our services over a diverse set of customers with varied uses. However, ensuring cooperation between major network providers and smaller network providers, as well as ensuring open delivery of content is very important.

Accordingly, we ask that the FCC move cautiously, slowly and carefully examine every angle before implementing decisions on net neutrality. This net neutrality proposal (particularly as it applies to rural wireless providers) could affect small businesses working to create and maintain jobs. We want to ensure that the FCC realizes that.

Cordially,



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